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SUBJECT: GOF SENDING OFFICIALS TO US TO STIMULATE US EXPORTERS
AND INVESTORS INTEREST IN FIJI MARKET

1. AT REQUEST CANADIAN GOVERNMENT GOF SENDING TWO MAN GOVT TEAM TO CANADA TO ENCOURAGE EXPORTS TO FIJI AND SEEK POTENTIAL INVESTORS. GOF HAS ASKED EMBASSY ARRANGE MEETINGS IN US WITH EXPORTERS, MANUFACTURERS AND MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS INVESTORS WHO ARE NOT THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH FIJI IN EFFORT STIMULATE US EXPORTS TO FIJI AND ENCOURAGE US BUSINESSES TO INVEST IN FIJI. FIJI DESIRES INCREASE IMPORTS FROM US AND CANADA TO REDUCE FIJIS STRONG DEPENDENCE ON AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND FOR FULL RANGE IMPORTS COVERING ALMOST ALL TYPES FOODSTUFFS AS WELL AS CONSUMER AND INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURED GOODS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY PROMOTE US EXPORTS TO FIJI AND SOUTH PACIFIC AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT COMMERCE COORDINATE CLOSELY IN ARRANGING PROGRAM FOR GOF TEAM.

2. GOF TEAM CONSISTS OF MY GYAN SINGH, PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND MR LAISENIA QARASE (PRONOUNCED NGAHRAH- SEE ACCENT THIRD SYLLABLE) , REGISTRAR OF COOPERATIVES, BOTH SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS MINISTRY COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES. PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR TEAM FOLLOWS : ETA HONOLULU
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MAY 8, ETD LOS ANGELES 130 MAY 11 845, ETA SAN FRANCISCO
1240 MAY, ETD SAN FRANCISCO 0940 MAY 16 WA162, ETA PORTLAND 1108
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ETA SEATTLE 1052 MAY 17, ETD SEATTLE 2030
MAY 17 C191, ETA VANCOUVER 2055 MAY 17.

3. ACTION: REQUEST MEDIUM PRICED HOTEL RESERVATIONS ALL CITIES.
MEET AT AIRPORT AND DELIVER TO HOTELS. ARRANGE
THROUGH DOC FIELD OFFICES EACH CITY MEETINGS POTENTIAL EXPORTERS
AND INVESTORS. EMBASSY WILL CONTACT FIELD OFFICES DIRECTLY WITH
DETAILS POTENTIAL TRADE MARKETS.

4. REPRESENTATIVES FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW
YORK OR ITS CORRESPONDENT BANKS WILL ALSO BE CONTACTING FIELD
OFFICES TO PARTICIPATE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR GOF TEAM.

5. PLEASE CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRAM SOONEST.
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